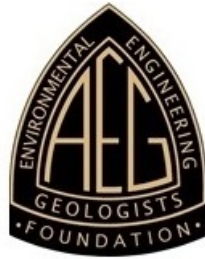


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AEG FOUNDATION 1st QUARTER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Greetings fellow geoscience professionals and enthusiasts, students and donors!

2023 Donations – We received almost \$103,000 in donations last year. Thanks to our devoted donors!

2023 Investments – Our Fidelity investment account earned over 9% in investment income 2023. Big thanks to our Investment Manager - John Peck.

2024 Scholarships – We received 46 scholarship applications and 1 grant application this year.

2024 Mid-Year Board Meeting – We will convene in St. Louis in Mid-March. Stay tuned for updates after our planned meeting.

2024 Upcoming – We will send a Spring fundraising appeal in April and host an open Town Hall Meeting in May.

2024 Featured Fund – We lost an amazing champion of the profession in July of 2023: Phyllis Steckel. Phyllis was a long-time advocate for environmental and engineering geology, and she is deeply missed by those in our area, in our state, in our region, and across the country. Her influence cannot be quantified. Thank you to everyone who donated to the AEG Foundation in Phyllis' honor and memory, and please help us spread the word about and generate future applications for this quarter's Featured Fund, below.

QUARTERLY FEATURED FUND & 2024 FEATURED FUND

Phyllis Steckel Diversity Field Trip Grant and Academic Scholarship Fund. This Fund was renamed at the request of Phyllis' widower, Richard. The Fund supports underserved, historically disadvantaged [students of Black, Hispanic Latino/a, Pacific Islander, and/or American Indian/Alaskan native heritage](#) through grants and Scholarships. The Field Trip fund is designed to introduce middle and high school students from diverse backgrounds to

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1st QUARTER 2024 AEGF DIRECTORS SPOTLIGHT

Lon Michael Cooper, P.E., LPG

Lon's geologic career has spanned 45 years, including 7+ years with the government, followed by 38 years as an environmental and engineering geology consultant. Projects included environmental and geotechnical engineering, construction, hydrogeology, geophysical surveys, water resource studies, contamination assessments, solid and hazardous waste, underground storage tanks, remediation design and installation, real estate transactions, and construction de-watering. Although currently living in Michigan, he has worked on projects in all fifty states except for North Dakota and Hawaii (Maybe one day!).

Lon received his B.S. degree in Geology from the University of Cincinnati in 1975 and a Masters in Geologic Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines in 1983; and is a licensed Geologist in Indiana and a licensed Professional Engineer in Florida, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, and Ohio. He has been a member of AEG since 1979 and served on several committees, including Chairman for the 2004 Annual Meeting held in Dearborn, Michigan.



Duane T. Kreuger, R.G.

I am currently the Operations Manager for the Midwest Region of Universal Engineering Sciences (UES). I received my B.S. in Geology from the University of Illinois – Urbana in 1992. I have been both curious about and amazed by soil, rock and water since I was in 1st grade. My passion for our profession continues. I have given presentations on geology to students in classrooms and to kid's in scout packs. I have served as Chair of the Missouri Geologists' Consortium since 2012, which was created to support the sound practice of geology in the best interest of Missouri's citizens. I have been a Member of the AEG since 1996, and I have been a Director of the AEG Foundation since 2020. I enjoy spending time with my 3 nephews as they continue to provide reasons to be proud of them. I also enjoy trying my hand at BBQ (salmon and ribs) and other culinary challenges. In my free time I love to be near or on a body of water, fishing, in general, but especially for largemouth and smallmouth bass. Below are pictures of a local Habitat for

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Respectfully, Duane Kreuger, AEG Foundation President 2024. dkreuger@teamues.com
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